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Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its ninth special session

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, 53/242 of 28 July 1999, 56/193 of 21 December 2001, 57/251 of 20 December 2002, 58/209 of 23 December 2003, 59/226 of 22 December 2004 and 60/189 of 22 December 2005,

Recalling also the 2005 World Summit Outcome,[1]

Taking into account Agenda 21[2] and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development ("Johannesburg Plan of Implementation"),[3]

Reaffirming the role of the United Nations Environment Programme as the principal body within the United Nations system in the field of environment, which should take into account, within its mandate, the sustainable development needs of developing countries,

Emphasizing that capacity-building and technology support for developing countries in environment-related fields are important components of the work of the United Nations Environment Programme,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] See resolution 60/1.

[2] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992*, vol. I, *Resolutions Adopted by the Conference* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex II.

[3] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 2, annex.

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1. *Takes note of* the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme at its ninth special session[4] and the decision contained therein;

2. *Takes note also* of the report of the Secretary-General on universal membership of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum of the United Nations Environment Programme;[5]

3. *Expresses concern* over the lack of progress in the implementation of the Bali Strategic Plan for Technology Support and Capacity-building,[6] in this regard urges Governments and other stakeholders that are in a position to do so to provide the necessary funding and technical assistance for its full implementation, and calls upon the United Nations Environment Programme to fully implement the Bali Strategic Plan through strengthened cooperation with other stakeholders, based on their comparative advantages;

4. *Welcomes* the endorsement of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management by the United Nations Environment Programme Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum at its ninth special session,[7] and invites Governments, regional economic integration organizations, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to provide adequate resources to support the Strategic Approach implementation activities of the United Nations Environment Programme;

5. *Emphasizes* the need to further enhance coordination and cooperation among the relevant United Nations organizations in the promotion of the environmental dimension of sustainable development, and welcomes the continued active participation of the United Nations Environment Programme in the United Nations Development Group;

6. *Reiterates* the need for stable, adequate and predictable financial resources for the United Nations Environment Programme, and, in accordance with resolution 2997 (XXVII), underlines the need to consider the adequate reflection of all administrative and management costs of the Programme in the context of the United Nations regular budget;

7. *Invites* Governments that are in a position to do so to increase their contributions to the Environment Fund to enable the United Nations Environment Programme to discharge its mandate effectively;

8. *Emphasizes* the importance of the Nairobi headquarters location of the United Nations Environment Programme, and requests the Secretary-General to keep the resource needs of the Programme and the United Nations Office at Nairobi under review so as to permit the delivery, in an effective manner, of necessary services to the Programme and to the other United Nations organs and organizations in Nairobi;

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[4] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 25* (A/61/25).

[5] A/61/322.

[6] UNEP/GC.23/6/Add.1 and Corr.1, annex.

[7] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 25* (A/61/25), annex I.

9. *Decides* to consider the important but complex issue of establishing universal membership of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum of the United Nations Environment Programme at its sixty-fifth session;

10. *Decides also* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-second session, under the item entitled "Sustainable development", a sub-item entitled "Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-fourth session".